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## ***U.S. Representative Chris Chocola***

### ***Second District, Indiana***

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### **Chocola Announces Fire Grant for Pleasant Township**

*Volunteer fire department plans to replace, add equipment*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola (R-Ind.) announced today that Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department will receive a \$60,800 grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Awards program to go towards the purchase of new “turnout” gear, adding a Personal Alert Safety System, and installing a new washer/extractor at their department.

“Fighting fires is not an easy job, and the men and women who are out there battling these blazes deserve the best equipment possible to make sure they can get the job done safely,” said Chocola. “This funding goes directly towards reaching that goal, and I’m glad to see Pleasant Township’s application for funds was approved.”

In March of this year, Chocola sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security in support of Pleasant Township’s application for federal funds. “Being properly equipped will give each firefighter a stronger sense of security and enable them to respond to the fullest of their ability,” wrote Chocola.

The U.S. Fire Administration, a division of FEMA, administers the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program. The AFGP provides funding to local fire departments, enabling them to purchase firefighting equipment, fund firefighter health and safety programs, enhance emergency medical services programs, and conduct fire education and prevention programs throughout the United States.

For more information on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, please visit the Program Web site at <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>, or contact the Grants Program Office at 1-866-274-0960. For more information on USFA, please visit their Web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/>.

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